

THE DAILY 45: PATRICK

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States.

Patrick McDonald, a Philadelphia police officer pursuing an armed suspect September 23 was fatally shot. He is the fourth city officer to die in the line of duty in 11 months. The suspect was killed. An automatic weapon was recovered at the scene. Too many people have access to automatic weapons and we are all touched by the death of a police officer, killed in the line of duty.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say 'enough is enough, stop the killing.'

CRIMINAL SKETCH ARTIST—LOIS GIBSON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

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Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Lois Gibson has made the Guinness Book of World Records as "The World's Most Successful Forensic Artist." Her sketches of perpetrators have been instrumental in assisting the police to catch over 1,062 criminals. She has recently written a book with renowned author, Deanie Francis Mills, about her experience being a criminal sketch artist and the profession's value to society. This Houston resident has made a name for herself in law enforcement all across the country and has done so for twenty-five years.

An alumna of the University of Texas at Austin, Gibson has put her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree to great use. A naturally artistic person, she decided to take the FBI Academy Forensic Artist Course to become a qualified criminal sketch artist. When Gibson was younger, she was sexually assaulted by a serial rapist and murderer. Perhaps it was this experience that most inspired Gibson to enter into the service of catching criminals and helping those in need. The memory of her traumatic incident definitely stays with Gibson but rather than letting it get her down, she uses it to inspire her work every single day.

Ms. Gibson's status as a past victim, allows her to truly and deeply sympathize with those that she works with. After an upsetting situation, those affected often have issues rehashing the situation and having to again envision the assailant's face, but Ms. Gibson allows them to get past this. Gibson can communicate well with these people because she understands where they are coming from, being a victim herself. Thus, victims are more likely to open up to Gibson and she makes it easier for them to focus and give her an accurate depiction of their attacker.

Despite the profession of criminal sketching having many talented and trained artists, there is a limited amount of full-time sketch artists in the country. It took Ms. Gibson, herself, some time to persuade the Houston Police Department of her merit. The HPD had never used

an artist before and they believed the role Gibson proposed seemed superfluous. When the department finally agreed to let her work, Gibson was soon identified as a valuable asset to the law enforcement team and some police officers began to wonder how they had ever operated efficiently without her.

About thirty percent of Gibson's sketches catch their intended offenders when finger prints are around ten percent effective. It is findings like these that make the question of, why more police departments do not embrace the importance of having a full-time sketch artist, more profound. Still, Gibson's work has not gone unnoticed, as she has won numerous awards for stopping ruthless criminals and bringing justice to the blameless victims.

I commend this remarkable American on her twenty-five year devotion to public service, and thank her for doing work that has made our country a safer place to live in.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ROSEMARY'S CIRCLE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of Rosemary's Circle for 75 years of service to the Nashville, Illinois community. In 1933, a Sunday school class was formed at the United Methodist Church in Nashville, Illinois. These 30 students aimed to complete charitable work in their community. Some of the group's activities have included: Christmas fruit trays for shut-ins, fundraising for school activities and Children's homes, funeral dinners for church families, and quilt donations to the local EMT.

From its inception until 2003, the class was named after its first teacher, Jennifer Bennett. In 2003, the longtime president of the "Jennifer Class" passed away, and its members decided to rename the group in her honor. Known now as Rosemary's Circle, this group of dedicated women continued to serve the people of Nashville, Illinois for seventy-five years.

In recent years, membership in Rosemary's Circle has dwindled due to the aging of its members. In July of 2008, the group, upon conferring with its namesake's descendents, decided to disband and made a final donation to the Methodist Children's Home. Although Rosemary's circle is no longer active, the generosity of its members will not soon be forgotten. I join with my fellow representatives today in honoring the members—past and present—of Rosemary's Circle for many years of community service.

DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE FINANCIAL BAILOUT PACKAGE

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, in July we bailed out entities with well-paid executives including Daniel Mudd, President and Chief Fi-

nancial Officer at Fannie Mae (\$11.5 million), and Richard Syron, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Freddie Mac (\$18.3 million). Recent press reports show that a number of chairmen/CEOs were highly compensated before their companies began failing including Bear Stearns CEO, Alan Schwartz (\$35 million), Lehman Brothers CEO Richard Fuld (\$40 million) and AIG's Martin Sullivan (\$47 million).

Federal regulators rightly blocked planned golden parachutes for the failed leaders of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, we should now set that precedent into law—if you get a taxpayer bailout, you lose your job and your parachute.

Today, I am introducing legislation that will ensure that no taxpayer dollars can be used for executive compensation or a golden parachute for any senior officer of a company that received credit or direct assistance bailout. My bill also grants Treasury Secretary Paulson the authority to terminate senior officers of any entity seeking a bailout from the taxpayer.

Given the dire economic warnings, Democrats and Republicans must pull together to save jobs and strengthen the economy for working Americans. But this must be a bailout with consequences, including a prohibition on any taxpayer dollars used for senior officer salaries or golden parachutes and the termination of senior officers of companies receiving aid.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, people in the Republic of China will be celebrating their National Day this October 10. Taiwan is one of our largest trading partners and has worked very hard in reducing its trade surplus with us year after year. A democracy, Taiwan shares many economic, social and cultural values with us. We know for a fact that Taiwanese tourists choose the United States as their first destination, when traveling outside of Asia. We know Taiwan has more than 30,000 and students studying in the United States. A majority of their cabinet secretaries were educated in the United States and have advanced U.S. degrees.

Their newly elected President is a Harvard-educated attorney. Taiwan's ties to us are many and our mutual relations seem to have dramatically improved with the recent appointment of their top Washington envoy: Ambassador Jason Yuan. Ambassador Yuan is one of the most distinguished diplomats from Taiwan and knows Washington well.

I am happy to learn that Taiwan has recently improved its relations with the Chinese mainland as well. There have been visits by Taiwan leaders to the mainland and vice versa. Both sides are engaged in productive discussions over the reduction of tension in the Taiwan Strait and the improvement of ties. They are building mutual trust and confidence in their bilateral relations, nurturing a long-lasting amity.

Congratulations to Taiwan and the Taiwanese people.